



**Our mission** is to protect human health and the environment by regulating pesticide sales and use, and by fostering reduced-risk pest management. DPR has the nation's most comprehensive state pesticide regulatory program, recognized internationally for overall excellence and particularly for its scientific rigor.

## Pesticide Use Specialist

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### ***What they do:***

Pesticide Use Specialists (PUS) thoroughly evaluate pesticides before registration and after registration, and perform duties to ensure their safe use in the field. They may also develop, interpret, and enforce regulations, standards, and procedures for the sale and use of pesticides.

- In the **Pesticide Registration Branch**, Pesticide Use Specialists act as departmental liaison with pesticide manufacturers, industry representatives, other State agencies, and the public. They review and recommend action on requests for registration and registration exemptions; identify and validate scientific data needed to support new and continued registrations; review pesticide labels for enforceability and accuracy; and coordinate the Department's review of registration applications.

- In the **Pesticide Enforcement Branch**, PUS ensure compliance with a wide range of regulatory requirements by developing and maintaining databases to monitor the environmental and human effects of pesticides; collecting samples of fresh produce for laboratory analysis and reviewing the laboratory results; investigating incidents of illness, injury, or environmental contamination; and conducting inspections and investigations of sites where pesticides are sold, used, or stored. They also provide training and technical support to County Agricultural Commissioners' staffs, as well consultation on difficult or unusual pesticide problems; evaluating County surveillance and inspection programs; ensuring that persons involved in the sale and use of pesticides are appropriately qualified and knowledgeable; and acting on violations by issuing notices, suspensions, and cancellations of licenses, registrations and use permits.

### ***What you need to qualify:***

For entry into this series, candidates must either possess the equivalent to graduation from college with a major in **chemistry, agricultural science, biological science, environmental science, pest management**, or a closely related major. (Students in their senior year in college will be admitted to the examination, but they must produce evidence of graduation or its equivalent before being considered eligible for appointment.)

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Pesticide Use Specialist  
\$32,652 - \$47,532

Senior Pesticide Use Specialist  
\$47,028 - \$57,156

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\$49,716 - \$59,904

